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**REMARKS**

Claims 20-38 were pending in the application with all of the claims indicated as having allowable subject matter and rejected under 35 USC § 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 20 and 32 have been amended to overcome the 35 USC § 101 rejection. In claim 20, the limitation that "the trigger signal is used to activate the passenger protection system when it is determined that the vehicle has been in a crash" has been added. In claim 32 the limitation "the passenger protection system is activated when it is determined that the vehicle has been in a crash" has been added. It is respectfully submitted that claims are directed to statutory subject matter. In claim 20, the device is used to activate a vehicle safety system when a crash is detected. In claim 32, the method activates a signal safety system when a crash is detected. These limitations are supported in paragraph [0005] of the specification. Therefore, both claims now are being used in a tangible manner.

For at least the reasons addressed above, it is submitted that independent claims 20 and 32 are patentable. Claims 21-31 depend from independent claim 20 and claims 33-38 depend from independent claim 32. It is submitted that claims 21-31 and 33-38 are clearly patentable for the reasons addressed above with respect to claims 20 and 32 and for the further features recited therein.

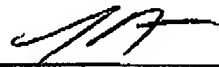
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**CONCLUSION**

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 20-38 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 20-38 is earnestly submitted.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned agent to set up such conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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